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In re Application of: John Baird et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

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